

ONE consolation for the poor: They are never subjects of gossip.

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Unsettled and colder tonight; Sunday partly cloudy.

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## FORD'S PEACE CRUISE RIDICULED BY BRITISH AS ADVERTISING SCHEME

### GALLERY PLAY TO WORLD, SAYS HIGH OFFICIAL

"'Tis Really the Silliest Idea,"  
Quoth Another.

Few Are Resentful, While Some  
Question Sincerity.

### "NO SYMPATHY AWAITS HIM"

One Man Says Only Enemies  
Will Be Pleased.

Press Refrain From Editorial  
Comment, but See Headlines!

London, Nov. 27.—"An advertising scheme" is the chief verdict in England on Henry Ford's peace cruise. Officials and the press do not seem resentful of the American millionaire's efforts to end the war, but they are both outspoken in ridiculing his program and a great many are equally free in questioning his sincerity.

"This really is the silliest idea," said one man high in official life today. "People who associate themselves with it will find absolutely no sympathy with their plan among sensible individuals in Europe—except perhaps among our enemies, who apparently want peace."

"Ford simply is an adroit advertiser. A gallery play to the world through the medium of his newly made riches, was the comment from another man high in official life.

The London press has not indulged in any editorial discussion of the Ford plan as yet. The newspapers have told of it voluminously in their news columns, however, with captions and subheads almost invariably contemptuous.

In large type the Standard heads its news article:

"Pro-German Peace Cruise."

In the next line of its caption, this announcement is carried:

"Bryan Offered Job as First Mate."

GIBBONS IS SKEPTICAL.

Cardinal Admires Peace Advocates;

Sees Rocks Ahead.

Baltimore, Nov. 27.—Cardinal Gibbons gave out this statement today on the Ford peace ship:

"I could not help but admire Mr. Ford for his roseate view of the fu-

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### TRUST STRIKES A SNAG

U. S. Sets Face Against Preferential  
Treatment of Shippers.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Great Britain has informally asked the United States if it would unofficially approve the American Overseas trust, and the state department has replied that under no circumstances could any sanction be given an organization which would receive preferential treatment over other American shippers.

Sweden also has made similar inquiry and has been advised that the plan had not been endorsed. It developed that part of the plan of the trust was to organize subsidiaries in neutral countries and that a measure of supervision was to be given to the British government by permitting access to the books of the concern in neutral countries.

Great Britain said she would not approve such a plan.

State department officials declared today that the overseas trust organizers now realize they could not hope to get moral assistance from the American government so long as their plans contemplated preferential treatment for one set of American shippers as against others. That feature now has been abandoned and a representative of the trust is in London negotiating with the British government to the end that the latter will have no connection with the new organization.

### SEEK CAUSE OF FIRE

Government Investigates Blaze on Ship  
That Destroyed Cotton.

Bordeaux, Nov. 27.—An inquiry has been begun by the government to ascertain the cause of the fire on board the British steamship Barkdale, which arrived here yesterday from New York with a cargo of horses and cotton.

The Barkdale was several days out when fire was found in her No. 4 hold. On arrival here the hold was opened and flooded.

Only 100 bales of cotton were destroyed.

### WATCH RUSSIA! EAST FRONT WILL TREMBLE THIS WINTER

London, Nov. 27.—"Watch Russia!" is the word that came today from a reliable source. It lent strength to the rumors that have been circulating among military men for several days that the eastern front will produce one of the greatest campaigns of the war this winter.

### HOW LONDON HEADLINES VIEW FORD PEACE PLAN

"Pro-German Peace Cruise."  
—London Standard.

"Ford's Atlantic Joy Ride."  
—London Telegraph.

"Funny Mr. Ford."—Lon-

don Evening News.

"Ford Cranks."—London

Sketch.

### VIC'S EYES OPENED

Murdock Throws Rocks at

Ford's Peace Plan.

Trip to England "Sure Cure for

Anti-Preparedness."

EDITOR HOBNOBS IN LONDON

Wichita Scribe Strong for Wil-

son Defense Plan.

He's Afraid Kitchin and Others

Will Kill It.

London, Nov. 27.—As the surest

cure for anti-preparedness views, a

visit to Europe is Victor Murdock's

prescription.

"The Kansas is here for a several

months' stay, gathering material for a

series of magazine articles.

"I have been in England three days

now," he said this afternoon, "and I

must say I am astonished at the extent

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### BIG LAND DEAL

A Shawnee County Farm Is  
Sold for \$100,000.

Contains 1,920 Acres—Deed  
Carries \$100 in Stamps.

One of the biggest land deals in the history of Shawnee county was recorded this afternoon in the office of Ralph W. Sullivan, register of deeds. Warranty deed transferring 1,920 acres of land, the mammoth Clark ranch, five miles north of Silver Lake, from George E. and Nettie A. Clark, to A. H. Bird, was filed.

The consideration is \$100,000. One

hundred dollars in revenue stamps

were necessary to register the deed.

The tract of land named in the deed

is one of the finest in Shawnee county.

A. H. Bird, the purchaser, is a wealthy

Marshall county man.

### GOULD MUST DISGORGE

Court Authorizes Rush to Sue for  
Property Held in Trust.

St. Louis, Nov. 27.—B. F. Bush, re-

ceiver for the Missouri Pacific rail-

way, today was authorized to file suit

in the federal district court here to

recover from George Gould, property

which the latter said to hold in

trust, providing Gould does not sur-

render the title to the property in 30

days.

Receiver Bush asked United States

Circuit Judge Adams how to proceed

in claiming the property from Gould.

In a petition filed with the court, Mr.

Bush said valuable real estate was au-

thorized to be sold by the Missouri

Pacific railroad.

Receiver Bush alleged in his petition

that Gould had been asked to return

legal title to the property over to the

company, but has failed to do so.

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He was 47 years old. Major Fuger

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EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

New York, Nov. 27.—The Dela-

### INTO MANY PORTS

Kitchener Obtains More Land-  
ings for Troops in Greece.

Allies Hurling Great Numbers  
of Men Toward Balkans.

### DECISIVE BATTLE IN GREECE?

Serbs, Over Border, May Stand  
There With Entente Aides.

Teuton Forces Under Supreme  
Command of Von Mackensen.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—German troops advancing in Serbia have occupied the heights on the left bank of the Sittica river, west of Pristina. Austrians are advancing southwest of Mitrovitz. The capture of 2,500 more Serbians is reported.

London, Nov. 27.—The Serbians have recaptured Krushevo, in southern Serbia, about twenty miles west of Priep, according to a dispatch to the Star from Athens.

Kitchener Gets More Ports.

Milan, Nov. 27.—Earl Kitchener,

### TRUSKETT ACT HELD INVALID

Court Holds That the Law Is  
Unconstitutional.

Confers Judicial Powers on an  
Administrative Body.

### OPINION BY JUDGE WHITCOMB

On Application of S. N. Brew-  
ster, Attorney General.

May Cause Return of Benefi-  
ciary to State Prison.

Under a decision today by Judge G. H. Whitcomb of the Shawnee county district court, the famous "Truskett act" of the 1915 legislature was held unconstitutional and the aged slayer of J. D. S. Neely may be returned to the criminally insane hospital at the state penitentiary. The decision of the district court judge came on an application by S. N. Brewster, attorney general, who sought an injunction against

### THE BIG DAY IS COMING



British secretary of war, has obtained permission from the Greek government for allied troops to land at Greek ports other than Saloniki, according to an Athens dispatch to the Corriere Della Sera.

Allies Pour Into Saloniki.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Press dispatches from Athens say that the French and British forces landed at Saloniki have

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### TOWNSEND WIDOW WON

Relict and Two Sons Awarded Estate  
of Railroad Builder.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27.—Mrs.

Margaret Hackman Townsend, the

widow, and her two sons, Edward and

George Hackman, aged 12 and 8 years,

respectively, won their fight for the

estate of George Townsend, railroad

builder, in a decision handed down in

the circuit court here today.

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New York, Nov. 27.—The Dela-

ware Lackawanna & Western rail-

road, whose lines are so choked as

far back as Scranton with loaded

freight cars it cannot move, today

the state penal board to block further

use of the law.

No measure enacted during the 1915

legislature created such conflict con-

cerning its method of passage as did

the Truskett act. The measure, it was

charged, was introduced in behalf of

A. A. Truskett, who was serving a sen-

tence in the state prison for the murder

of J. D. S. Neely, a wealthy Mont-

gomery county oil operator. By its

provisions, the new law took from the

trial judge the right to direct or

recommend the release or holding of a

prisoner committed to the ward for

criminal insanity at the state prison.

The entire power under the act was

placed in the hands of the penal board.

Ben F. Endres of Leavenworth

county introduced the "Truskett bill"

in the house. It was passed by the

lower branch of the legislature before

the purpose of the measure became

generally known. In the senate, the

measure was killed in committee by

Senator Vinton Stillings, father of the

criminal insane act.

Then Came a Woman.

Then a woman came on the scene.

She was Elsie May Truskett, niece of

the famous prisoner at Lansing, Miss

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### SEEK WILSON'S HELP

Women Peace Advocates Think White  
House Will Aid Them.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Prominent

women peace advocates who are be-

hand a movement for a conference of

### BORDER OF STEEL

Seventeen Hundred More Troops  
Rushed to Nogales, Ariz.

Town Feels Secure for First  
Time in Days.

### U. S. TO BROOK NO TROUBLE

Another Attack on Arizona Vil-  
lage Means Withering Reply.

One American Slain, Two  
Wounded, 40 Mexicans Killed.

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 27.—With the expected arrival here today of an additional 1,700 United States infantrymen to reinforce the border troops at this point, residents of this town experienced a feeling of security such as had not been enjoyed since Villa forces took possession of Nogales, Sonora, following their defeat at Agua Prieta.

There was evidence of renewed confidence in every quarter, and the belief was generally expressed that should there be a recurrence of the exciting events of yesterday, when Villa snipers fired into American territory from the Mexican side, killing one United States soldier and wound-

### Another Note Makes Greece Take Notice

Athens, Nov. 27.—(Via Paris)—The ministers representing the quadruple entente sent to the Greek government yesterday a new collective note outlining certain measures, which the powers desire Greece to take in conformity with the preliminary agreement reached recently.

Premier Skouloudis had a long conference with King Constantine after receiving the note scheduled for today. A cabinet meeting followed.

### THEY TALK SHOP

Commercial Teachers Hold an  
Interesting Session Today.

A Dinner Was Given Last Night  
at Presbyterian Church.

R. E. Gifford of St. Joseph, Mo., will head the Missouri Valley Commercial Teachers' association for the next year. The Missouri man was elected near the close of the two days' sessions which have been held in representative hall. L. L. Parke of Emporia was elected vice president this morning, and Miss Weara Mason of Kansas City, Mo., secretary and treasurer. Kansas City, Mo., was chosen as the location for the next meeting.

The final meetings of the Missouri Valley Commercial Teachers' association which were held today were the most interesting of the two days' session. The teachers talked shop and listened to papers which dealt with many phases of the business college work.

On the program this morning the following men were scheduled to talk: C. C. Carter, Joplin, Mo.; J. C. Reed, Whitewater, Wis.; Scott Hopkins, Topeka; W. W. Douglas, Kansas City, Mo.; and L. L. Parke of Emporia. Besides the election of officers and the business meeting this afternoon one of the features was a talk on "The Disease of Penmanship" by E. E. Porten, of the Lincoln, Neb., high school. "What a Stenographer Should Know Besides Book Learning" was the subject discussed by Alice T. Barker, of the Springfield, Mo., high school, and Cree J. Henderson, of the Polytechnic Institute, Kansas City, Mo.

A feature of Friday's program of the convention was the dinner held last night at the First Presbyterian church. James C. Reed, of Whitewater, Wis., was the toastmaster, and talks were given by twenty-four of the delegates.

### HAT PIN SAVED HER

Topeka Woman Scared Away Hold-Up  
Man With "Weapon."

A woman's nerve and a hatpin saved Mrs. Robert Gorman, Tenth and Lincoln street, from being held up about 8 o'clock Friday evening by a man stepped toward her in a dark alley, who was carrying a weapon.

She reached for a hatpin and with the slender weapon in her hand assumed an attitude of readiness to protect herself. The would-be hold-up man gave one look at the hatpin and then turned and ran down the alley. The alarm was reported to the police this afternoon.

Advantage to Soldiers.

Because of the heavier weight of the army team, the uncertainty of the day when the advance of the army was expected to give the soldiers an advantage over the sailors.

Tarpaulins were the order of the day when the advance of the army was expected to give the soldiers an advantage over the sailors. A steady drizzle had been falling for more than two hours when the first of the crowd entered the stands.

At 1:25 p. m. the battalion of cadets

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### CLOUDY AND COLDER

Outlook for a Pleasant Sunday Is Not  
Encouraging.

The temperature will probably go

below freezing tonight and Sunday

will be partly cloudy and slightly

threatening. The forecast calls for

unsettled and colder weather tonight,

Sunday partly cloudy.

The lowest temperature last night

was 35 degrees, which is 8 above the

normal for this date. The wind was

in the southeast this morning blowing

at the rate of only 4 miles an hour.

In 1887 the mercury on this date went

to 5 degrees below zero, the lowest

temperature ever recorded for this date.

In 1905 the temperature reached 61

degrees.

The Kaw river stands at 6.4 feet this

morning, the same stage as on the

past three days.

The wind shifted to the northeast

today and the velocity increased to

25 miles an hour. The shippers' fore-